

OVERVIEW

DHS foster care workers and supervisors are mandated to report suspected abuse and neglect of children and adults.

Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

The Child Protection Law (CPL), 1975 PA 238, requires the reporting of child abuse and neglect by certain persons, including certain DHS employees, and permits the reporting of child abuse and neglect by all persons. **All foster care workers and supervisors must report suspected child abuse and neglect.** See AHP 602-4-Conduct and Responsibilities - Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect for a complete list of DHS positions required to report suspected child abuse and neglect and for DHS policy on reporting suspected child abuse and neglect.

Mandated Reporting of Suspected Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

The Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, requires the reporting of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult by certain persons, including all DHS employees, and permits the reporting of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult by all persons. **All DHS employees must report suspected adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.** See AHP 602-3-Conduct and Responsibilities - Mandated Reporters of Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation for DHS policy on reporting suspected adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.